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TO : Assistant Director, OCD  
Central Intelligence Agency

FROM : Chief, Acquisition and Distribution  
Division, Department of State

SUBJECT: Request for Preparation of an Intelligence Estimate.

It has occurred to members of the Department of State that there was a very quick reaction and street demonstration in Havana a few weeks ago when some United States sailors on shore leave became involved in an incident at the statue of Marti. It seems that only a few hours had elapsed before there was a crowd demonstrating in front of the United States Embassy. According to the information that we have, some sort of demonstration took place in Ciudad Trujillo a week later as a result of a sailor's indiscretion. There seemed to have been rather immediate crowd or mass reaction to these two incidents.

There was also a recent disturbance at Panama City revolving around the deportation of Mr. Max Brodsky, an organizer of the CIO, apparently thought of as a Communist by the Panamanian Government.

In view of the obvious difficulty of full investigation of these demonstrations at this date we would appreciate knowing whether on the basis of reports received it is the conclusion of your agency that there was or was not Communist inspiration behind these demonstrations and whether these demonstrations in the other American republics can be fitted into any pattern with the Communist street demonstration which have recently taken place in London, Rome, and other foreign cities.

We would appreciate, if at all possible, receiving your estimate on this question by Friday, 1 April 1949.

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